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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR BENNETT'S PRESS CONFERENCE ON UNIDO-II

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1. TRANSCRIPT TAKEN FROM TAPE OF AMBASSADOR BENNETT'S
APRIL 4 PRESS CONFERENCE ON UNIDO--II WAS ISSUED APRIL 7
AS PRESS RELEASE USUN 28 (75) AND TRANSMITTED IN PART
IN USUN 1168 AND IN FULL IN PERSONAL LETTER TO IRA WOLF
IN LETTER DATED APRIL 9.

2. EFE STORY CARRIED IN EL COMERCIO AS REPORTED REFTEL
SEEMS RATHER GROSS DISTORTION OF AMBASSADOR'S PRESS CONFERENCE.
WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING DIFFERENCES OF OPINION AND PREDICTING
THEY WOULD CONTINUE UNTIL BOTH SIDES SHOWED FLEXIBILITY
IN COMING TOWARD THE MIDDLE AND FINDING COMMON GROUND FOR
AGREEMENT, AT NO REPEAT NO TIME DID BENNETT SPEAK OF "IRASCIBLE
ATTITUDE." THAT PHRASE DOES NOT REPEAT NOT APPEAR ANYWHERE
IN PRESS CONFERENCE ACCOUNT, EITHER ON PART OF QUESTIONERS
OR IN ANSWERS.

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3. SIMILARLY, STATEMENT QUOTING BENNETT AS SAYING THAT US.

DECIDED TO VOTE AGAINST WHOLE TEXT BECAUSE US. "OPPOSED TO A MAJORITY OF POINTS IN THE DECLARATION" IS QUITE INCORRECT. QUITE THE CONTRARY, BENNETT EXPLAINED THAT VOTES WERE ASKED FOR BY SEVERAL DELEGATIONS ON TEN SEPARATE PARAGRAPHS AND THAT WE HAD MADE AN EFFORT TO CONFINE VOTING TO A MINIMUM AND HAD NOT REPEAT NOT ASKED FOR VOTES ON SOME OTHER PARAGRAPHS WHICH WE DID NOT PARTICULARLY LIKE. IN ANSWER TO A SPECIFIC QUESTION AS TO WHY US. CONSIDERED IT NECESSARY TO VOTE NEGATIVELY ON THE WHOLE DOCUMENT, BENNETT REPLIED AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE BECAUSE THE UNITED STATES HAS COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT IT IS NOT GOING TO AGREE TO A DOCUMENT WHICH IGNORES INTERNATIONAL LAW ON SUCH A FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE SUCH AS EXPROPRIATION. NOW, OF COURSE, THERE ARE OTHER ITEMS WHICH WE ALSO REGARDED AS FUNDAMENTAL. END QUOTE.

THROUGHOUT DISCUSSION OF THE VOTING IN PRESS CONFERENCE, BENNETT STRESSED THAT ISSUES ON WHICH US. REQUESTED VOTES INVOLVED FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES TO US EVEN AS WE RECOGNIZED THAT GROUP OF 77 AND OTHER MISSIONS ALSO HAD FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES.

4. TONE OF PRESS CONFERENCE WAS EXPLANATORY AND CONCILIATORY. IN QUESTIONS INVOLVING POSSIBILITY FOR FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS AND CONFERENCES, BENNETT SEVERAL TIMES RECOGNIZED DIFFERENCES IN POINT OF VIEW, STRESSED INTERDEPENDENCE IN TODAY'S WORLD AND CALLED FOR FLEXIBILITY ON ALL SIDES IN SEEKING TO REACH AGREEMENT. BENNETT MADE A POINT OF EMPHASIZING US. UNDERSTANDING OF GROUP OF 77 ASPIRATIONS AND SYMPATHY FOR INDUSTRIALIZATION EFFORTS OF "77."
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